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GOOD wishes for success are nice and encouraging but they won't pay bills.

OUR thanks are due Miss Eula Douglass for subscription to the Professional World.

Prof. O. M. Shackelford of Warrensburg, and Prof. F. E. Cook of Martinsburg, will read the Professional World.

MISS ANNA H. JONES, of Kansas City, Prof. H. A. Bleach of Western College, Hon. Wm. Farmer of St. Louis, Mrs. Ida Drake Garnet of Jefferson City, will contribute articles to the Professional World in the near future.

OUR thanks are due the following named business men of Columbia who believe the Professional World to be a worthy enterprise and have subscribed for the same: Messrs. R. L. Hopper, N. T. Gentry, W. K. Bayless, B. M. Anderson, M. R. Conley, Jas. E. Boggs, Wellington Gordon.

AT ALL Negro Conventions which have been held recently in Arkansas and other states surrounding Missouri, resolutions have been passed relative to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Nothing of the kind was mentioned at the state teachers' meeting last week. The reason for this may be explained in that the committee on resolutions was so busily engaged in rail-roading other resolutions through that they overlooked so trivial a matter.

THE passing of Prof. Jacob I. Lane from the stage of action, who died last August, was a great loss to the State Teachers' Association. Prof. Lane was one among the best teachers of this state, a studious, hard working man and a Christian gentleman. We regret that no time could be given at the State Teachers' Association to mention his usefulness and to pay respects to his memory.

A PRACTICAL SERMON.

It has often been said that a negro dwelling house can be recognized as far as it can be seen. Whether this be true or not I am unprepared to say; but I do know and so do you, that we are not as neat and tidy around our homes as we might be. As a rule, the front yards of our homes are tolerably nice, but by no means beautiful, while the back is a most horrible sight to look upon—oh how awful, how repulsive, how full of ugly sights, and of things that have no earthly value, are some of our back yards. Move that box of old shoes; that bunch of rags; that old bucket of lime; that kit of ashes; that bottomless chair; that rusty piece of stove-pipe; that old iron hoop; that old barrel; that wash boiler; that old coal scuttle; that hoe and shovel; that rat-trap; that sausage grinder; that saw-buck; that stick of cord wood; that old broken wash-bowl and pitcher; that old burnt out stove; that old window sash; that old door screen with its rusty wire torn loose; that old

ragged and dusty piece of carpet; that old chintzy sofa; that old pile of boards full of dangerous rusty nails; that old rocking chair; that old plow; that old mowing blade—move these unearthly sights, I say, and life will be brighter for you. The speculator will see fifty per cent more value in your property. You will pay the debt you owe to civilization, and you will alter, oh—ever so much, the general opinion that the characteristics of all "niggers" are low and degraded.—O. M. Shackelford, in "The Excelsior."

Social Events of the Week.

Misses Laura and Eulalee Douglass gave a reception at their home on Park Avenue Tuesday from four to seven o'clock in honor of their guest, Miss Sarah Smith, who spent the holidays with them. An elegant lunch was served in three courses. Those present were: Misses Estella Diggs, Dora Woods, Ella Brown, Sarah Smith, Lucy Farris, Annie Farris, Eva Estes, Anna May Fisher, Estella Kirklin, Luella Graves, Florence Moseley; Messrs. James Strawn, Arthur Strawn, Theodore Martin, J. Z. Mosley, and R. L. Logan.

Miss Minnie Robinson gave a party Monday evening in honor of the visitors in the city. A large crowd attended and a most pleasant time is reported.

Mrs. A. B. Moore gave a social Wednesday from four to eight o'clock in honor of her son, Otis, who spent the holiday vacation with her. About thirty-five invitations were issued. Games and other amusements were indulged in to the meriment of all present. Dainty refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time had.

Married.

YANCY-BRADFORD.—At the residence of the bride's parents, three miles south of Columbia, Mr. Chas. Yancey, and Miss Pearl Bradford, Rev. T. Jehoy Marsh, officiating. A number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties attended the nuptials.

City Notes.

Mrs. M. L. Huggard spent Tuesday in Brown Station.

Mrs. Nancy Turner spent the holidays with friends in St. Louis.

Mr. Theodore Martin, who is at tending school at Lincoln Institute, spent the holidays with his mother, Rev. Mrs. Crews.

Miss Josephine Huggard visited her mother, Mrs. M. L. Huggard, also visited the association in Kansas City, reading a paper before that body.

Master Otis Moore, who is attending school at Roger Williams University, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. K. M. Moore, returning to school Thursday.

Fine cigars and toilet articles at Hopper's drug store.

Rev. M. L. Smith, of Kansas City, spent the holidays with his family.

Bad deeds are dangerous. Call and see W. K. Bayless, notary public.

All of the students from Columbia who are attending Lincoln Institute spent the holidays with their parents.

Miss Gertrude Miner, a teacher in Sumner School Kansas City, is visiting Mrs. Margaret Akers.

Mrs. Mary Miller has been enjoying a very pleasant visit from her brother, Rev. Edwards, from Kansas City, Kansas.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Meeting Largely Attended—Excellent Papers and Addresses
---Prominent Negroes from Other States in Attendance.

The Negro State Teachers' Association met in its 17th annual session in Allen Chapel Church in Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26, President Shelton French, presiding.

The association was unusually largely attended, about 300 teachers being present. All of the sessions were well attended and much interest was manifested in the many papers read and speeches delivered.

The most attractive feature of the association was the address of Dr. J. E. Bowen, of Atlanta, Ga., who addressed the association Friday afternoon, delivering a most scholarly and well prepared address which evicted many outbursts of applause from the vast audience which he held spellbound for two hours.

Dr. Bowen viewed the negro's condition from every standpoint and discussed at length his past, and present condition and his future possibilities, showing that if he would ever amount to anything in this country he must do so as an American citizen and not as a negro.

Prof. W. T. Vernon, the noted and talented president of Western University, bore fraternal greetings to the white association. His address, as it usually is, was well taken. Prof. Vernon is unquestionably the greatest negro orator in the west.

Prof. H. A. Bleach, vice-president of Western College, presided over the normal department in the absence of President Scruggs. Prof. Bleach is an able young man and read quite an interesting paper before the association, explaining each topic by the use of the black-board.

Prof. S. G. Murray, of Lincoln Institute, read a paper on "The Art of Questioning," which was discussed by Prof. A. O. Coffin, of the same school. Owing to the fullness of the program very little time was given for the discussion of the different papers read.

President French deserves commendation for the manner in which he utilized the time. More teachers responded to their names on the program than usually do which shows that the teachers are becoming more interested in the work of the association. We regret very much to mention the undignified manner in which the association adjourned. The committee on resolutions in its report asked the association to endorse the present head of Lincoln Institute and attempted to force the resolutions through. This action was resented by many of the leading members of the association who did not think it proper for the association to endorse the temporary action of the Board of Regents which action it is claimed was due to political conditions, and that the association should not be used as a hobby-horse for persons who are over anxious to ride into positions. During this discussion the association adjourned without hearing the remaining committee reports.

Snap Shots at the State Teachers Association.

The address delivered by Dr. Bowen was well worth any one's trip to Kansas City.

Prof. Kay Kyle of Chillicothe was reelected to the office of treasurer of the association without opposition. Prof. Kyle is a successful teacher and a jolly good fellow

and well deserves the honor conferred upon him.

If the association had fewer big little men in it who attempt to run everything more good would be derived from its sessions.

It is to be regretted that Prof. John Payne of Brunswick did not get to read his paper on "Mistakes in teaching Arithmetic." Prof. Payne is preparing to have published an arithmetic written by himself.

Miss Anna H. Jones of Kansas City was the most brilliant lady member of the convention; her papers and talks are always interesting and well received.

The exhibit of the Howard school of Warrensburg, ranked among the best and was second only to that of the Hannibal school; it shows that Prof. O. M. Shackelford and his assistants Misses Woods and Huggard are doing excellent work.

Prof. J. P. Washington of Columbia read quite an interesting paper on the "Human mind a means to every end."

Prof. Wade R. Carter of the Topeka industrial institute favored the association with an excellent paper on industrial education. Prof. Carter is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and is doing a great work for the Kansas negro.

Church Directory.

A. M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. P. C. Crews, pastor. Preaching, Sundays 11 a. m.; 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday eve, 7:30; every body invited to attend.

M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. J. Arlington Grant, pastor. Preaching Sundays 11, a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesdays 7:30 to 8:30; all are made welcome.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. T. Jehoy Marsh pastor. Preaching Sundays 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday eve, 7:30; a cordial invitation extended to all.

WATCH ST. LOUIS.

The greatest World's Fair the world has ever seen will be held at St. Louis in 1903. To keep in touch with the work of preparation for this great World's Fair and to get all the news of all the Earth, every reading person should at once subscribe for the great newspaper of St. Louis, the Globe Democrat. It stands pre-eminent and alone among American newspapers, and acknowledges no equal or rival. Its circulation extends, to every state and territory of the Union, to Canada and Mexico, and to every part of the World where there are readers of the English language. It ought to be in your home during the coming year. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

A Clever Retort.

At the seventeenth annual session of the Missouri State Teachers' Association, colored, held at Kansas City Mayor Reed in the course of his remarks of welcome, said: "When there is not one negro in the United States who is unable to read and write, then one-half of the prejudice against the negro will be removed."

J. W. Damel, principal of Lincoln Institute, followed Mr. Reed and after finishing his speech in which he praised the mayor's address, he said: "The mayor says that when the negroes of the United States can all read and write, then one-half the prejudice will be removed. That is true, and when every white man can read and write, then the other half will be removed."

NEW FIRE WAGON.

Boys Will Make a Run With New Outfit Saturday Afternoon.

The new fire wagon ordered some time ago by the city council, has been completed by Jarvis & Vaughn, and is one of the best wagons in the State. It was built under the supervision of Chief Klingbiel, and is modern in every respect.

The wagon is to be called Columbia No. 1, is a handsome structure and costs \$250. The wagon is to be drawn by two black horses and will carry a full equipment consisting of one 30ft. extension ladder one 20ft. ladder one 16ft. skid, one 16ft. prod pole, 2 rubber buckets, and 3 4-gallon chemical tanks, and 3000 feet hose. The wagon is 17ft. long, very strong and well built, the frame being of best iron, and stripped with iron all over. Council has done well in taking steps to protect our property, and in employing home people to make the wagon.

Mayor Parker says the fire company will make a run with their new outfit Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time the alarm will be sounded. The boys will start from Parker Bros. furniture store and run to the fire plug near the Herald office where they will couple three pieces of hose to the plug. The new wagon is a credit to the city and Mayor Parker and the fire chief are especially proud of it.

BIG FIRE AT STURGEON.

Entire Block Goes Up in Flames Saturday Night—Losses Suffered by Business Men.

A block of Sturgeon's business houses are in ashes.

Fire broke out Saturday night at 12 o'clock in one of Sturgeon's principal business blocks. By heroic work of volunteer fire company the flames were confined to the block in which they broke out.

The origin of the fire is not known and was under full headway when discovered.

The losses are as follows:

O. D. Gray, on Leader, loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,500; loss on building, of which Gray owned half \$3,000, insurance \$1,500.

New Century Telephone Company, O. D. Gray, proprietor, loss \$1,500, no insurance.

Post Office, fixtures a total loss, \$800 in stamps burned, no insurance.

J. W. Hughlett, harness, entire stock destroyed, loss \$1,800, no insurance.

W. W. Boulton, photographer, loss \$325, no insurance.

T. G. Crawford, furnishing goods and racket store, loss \$3,500 insurance \$2,750.

Velpo Tolson, barber, saved half, loss \$100, no insurance.

Dr. McComas, office, loss \$625, no insurance.

Thos. Skaggs, real estate office, loss \$100, no insurance.

Reid's millinery store, loss \$150, no insurance.

The Telephone company rushed a switch board from Lexington and was doing business next morning.

Mr. Gray, editor of the Leader, will get his paper out on time this week; he will have it printed in St. Louis and will order another outfit at once.

In County Court.

County court was in session on Dec. 30, and disposed of a few items of business:

License granted to T. J. Morris to conduct dramshop.

Dramshop license granted to C. H. Weist.

Court ordered presiding judge to enter into contract, agreeing that the county shall sustain one-half the expense of erecting and maintaining a pest house to be erected on grounds belonging to city of Columbia known as the Sewer Outlet grounds.

The court ordered that all appeals for aid in the city of Columbia and vicinity be reported by the county clerk to city board of charities.

ties, and that said clerk is hereby authorized to render such aid as may be recommended by board of charities.

Following accounts allowed:
L. M. Switzer, stat.....\$ 12 05
W. R. Nifong balance on tank and tower..... 615 40
C. O. Davidson..... 15 00
S. N. Woods, 2 days on bench and mileage..... 19 60
W. S. Wilson, 2 days and mileage..... 11 60
C. C. Turner, 2 days and mileage..... 13 20
H. C. Frazier, rep. bridge..... 3 00
L. T. Searcey, clerk's fees..... 100 00
Ed Tyson, janitor, December..... 35 00

January Weather in Columbia.

The following data for the month of January, covering a period of twelve years, have been compiled from the records of the local office of the Weather Bureau:

The mean or normal temperature of January is 31 degrees. The warmest January was that of 1890, with an average of 36 degrees, and the coldest was that of 1893, with an average of 23 degrees. The highest temperature recorded during any January was 74 degrees, on the 17th, 1894, and the lowest, 16 degrees below zero, on the 25th 1894. The average number of days with minimum temperature below 32 degrees is 25.

The average precipitation for January is 2.17 inches, and the average number of days with .01 of an inch or more is 8. The greatest January precipitation was 6.87 inches, in 1897, and the least, .39 inches, in 1893. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 executive hours was 3.88 inches, on the 1-2d, 1897. The average snowfall for January is 4.4 inches, and the greatest amount recorded in any 24 hours was 8.5 inches, on the 25th, 1895. The average number of clear days is 10, partly cloudy days, 8, and cloudy days, 13. The prevailing winds have been from the northwest, and the highest velocity recorded was 40 miles per hour, from the northwest, on the 24th, 1901.

Marriage Licenses This Week.

Lawrence Clarkston and Mrs. Victoria Wolf, Centralia.

William Smith and Belle Williams, Columbia, colored.

Ernest H. Hiner, Wichita, Kan., and Henrietta Lampton, Boone county.

Jesse B. Ellis, Rileysburg, and Elsie Ancell, Perche; bride 15, daughter of S. M. Ancell, who files consent.

Eddie B. Forbis and Clara I. Burnett, Ashland.

W. M. Long, Columbia, and Minnie D. Williams, Woodlandville.

Marvin Riley and Nora J. Sims, of Riggs.

Quaint Southern Epitaph.

A Charleston (S. C.) churchyard contains the dust of many eminent men and several queer epitaphs. The epitaph of Charlotte Elford, who died on May 9, 1817, says that she was:

In childhood, obedient.
In wedlock, virtuous.
In prosperity, humble.
In adversity, resigned.
In sickness, patient.
In death, happy.

An Old Timepiece.

An interesting exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution is an old German clock that was ticking about fifteen years before the birth of the great American Republic. It keeps good time and is one hundred and forty years old. It is made of hard wood and the work was all done by hand. Every piece of the mechanism is highly polished, and it is put together with hand-wrought rivets of brass. The parts show very little wear, and the timepiece is so carefully constructed that it does not vary a second in time during twenty-four hours.

What the Police are Doing.

Chief Slate reports that during the month of December the police made 36 arrests, and collected \$187.00 in fines. Six prisoners are now on the rock pile.

Mules for Sale.

Fifty coming two-year-old mules for sale in lots to suit purchaser, from one mule to entire bunch. Also two teams of broke work mules.

D. T. MITCHELL & SON,
(ded feb. 28.) Woodlandville, Mo.